

# STRANGE HAPPENINGS FLASHED BY WIRE ACROSS THE SEAS

## JAPS ON ANXIOUS BENCH OVER KOREAN ATTITUDE

Policy of "Protection" Is Not Accepted at Face Value by Natives.

### AIR THICK WITH SUSPICION

Frequent Reports That Situation Has Completely Cleared, Emanating From Tokio, Is Declared Misstatement of Facts.

By Duke N. Parry.

TOYKO, July 16.—"Protection" of Koreans is the latest concern of the Japanese Government. There is some difference of opinion as to the meaning of the word "protection", but, nevertheless, it is filed away in the kio and in the minutes of the recent Colonial conference, as a policy whereby the natives of Korea are to be "protected."

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A section of the press of Tokio openly admits that there has been a misuse of words and that the policy adopted was merely one of greater "control" of the actions of Koreans; that the word "protection" should never have been used in the case. Certain it is that the Imperial Japanese government has become concerned of late over the activities, not only of Koreans in Korea, but of malevolent Koreans who have crossed outside of Korean boundaries, chiefly in Southern Siberia and Manchuria, and have been the cause of numerous border fights of more or less important character. These newspapers explain the policy of "protection" adopted for Koreans as one by which the frontier garrisons in these sections are to be strengthened.

### News Source of Concern.

It is known in Tokyo that for several months now the control of malevolent Koreans who have moved outside the borders of the Japanese controlled territory and are able to operate as they please, has formed a subject of much concern to the Japanese government. Numerous Japanese policemen and soldiers have been killed and wounded; houses have been burned, and general disorders have been reported frequently as a result of these malevolent work.

One measure suggested as a way of better controlling the malecontents in the areas along the northern Korean borders is a decision to increase the police forces stationed at the Japanese consulates in this area. An agreement with the Chita (Siberian) government, whereby the Chita government will exercise control over Koreans in its territories, is also proposed.

### Misstatement of Facts.

Frequent reports that the Korean question has completely cleared and that, as far as Tokyo is concerned, there is no longer a Korean question, are simply misstatements of facts. Within the last few weeks a Korean who attempted to assassinate Baron Saito, Governor-General of Korea, has been sentenced to death; reports of numerous new disturbances have come into Tokyo, and frequent conferences regarding future policy have tended to show that the government is not at all easy about the condition of affairs in Korea.

Thus, as among the decisions of the colonial conference, one will be recorded as a policy for "protection" of the Koreans. But the Koreans themselves and numerous observers are going to wait some time before accepting this benevolent-sounding word as true in its entirety.

## EXTRAVAGANCE OF BRITISH WOMAN, AS MONEY WASTER, ECLIPSES NOTED SPENDERS



Mrs. Smith-Wilkinson, Who Dazzled Paris by Squandering \$5,000,000 in Two Weeks, Plans to Startle Little Old New York.

By Margery Rex.  
NEW YORK, July 16.—"Is it the spender or the miser who makes the world go round?"

This demands Mrs. Smith-Wilkinson of a bewildered world. Truly the English spendthrift has made heads, at least, go around in that dear Paris, where she spent \$5,000,000 in two weeks.

The lady is surely careless with coin. Not content with the hats to be bought along the Rue de la Paix, "Madame Monte Carlo," as the stunned citizens of Paris dub her, found a bargain in useless crowns, this special one being that of the ill-fated Zarina, the price \$3,000,000. Among other trinkets she "picked up" in France were the Shrewsbury pearls, price half a million. Then gowns, loose diamonds to sew on dresses, reupholstering of autos and of private suits ran into millions.

And this strange woman defended herself with the plea that she cannot spend her income, which reaches \$30,000,000.

Some Other Noted Spenders.  
Though apparently champion of the spending rite, Mrs. Smith-Wilkinson is not the first person to enjoy wasting money. There have been those who blazed the trail for her and who established precedents and high marks for wasting long before the gay Britisher came to dazzle the Continent.

There was our own Coal Oil Johnny, who at the age of 21 left the oil fields of Pennsylvania to visit New

York and show the old residents what a large evening looked like.

John W. Steele—his real name—had a nice little way of getting what he wanted. He selected not only \$3,000 worth of clothes of a fine morning, not only bought cabs to help out, but he bought cabs to help out, but he was perfectly willing to purchase such things as revenge, for instance.

Staying at a hotel during his sensational New York visit, he found that a certain clerk was too indifferent to his importance. Johnny bought the hotel, fired the bored clerk and opened the doors to the public, to let who would enter, eat,

drink or dwell therein. This cost \$1,000,000 that one day. Alas, in four years Coal Oil Johnny became bankrupt. He had to go back to the labor which had formerly netted him but \$2 a day. When he died at 77, he had been earning \$50 a month.

But doesn't Mrs. Smith-Wilkinson make our Pennsylvania lad look a tightwad?

And yet there are other women whom we thought wild wasters until we heard of the golden blaze that has come out of England.

Mrs. Anthony Caused Stir.  
There was Mrs. Charles Anthony, of Muncie, Ind., who went in for gold watches on evening slippers, diamond heels, armlets gleaming with gems. When visiting here a few years ago she wore a contraption that looked like diamond handcuffs. It dazzled Peacock Alley dizzy.

And she was considered a wild spendthrift. Not long before that time the murder by his wife of Jacques Lebaudy, self-styled "Emperor of the Sahara," brought out the story of his excesses and extravagances, which often took an amusing turn.

Lebaudy was believed to be insane. He was at times placed in sanatoriums. Perhaps this explains the odd and spectacular nature of his expenditures and escapades. Son of Jules Lebaudy, late sugar king of France, the "Emperor" in 1902, went to London. There he had fitted up for his use a magnificent suite in the Savoy. He called himself by the royal title mentioned. He made appeals to different courts for recognition, since he owned an empire in Abyssinia. In this enterprise he spent many millions. Tradespeople called on him, anxious for the honor of being accepted "by appointment" to His Majesty the Emperor of the Sahara.

His exploits in America, once this affair was ended, were sufficiently startling to cause comment. He used to buy broken-down race horses at large prices and give parades to show them off.

Mounted upon these decrepit steeds were placed uniformed messenger boys for whose services he had arranged. He claimed he was organizing an army to help the allies. He spent a great deal in buying broken-down animals, furniture and taxicabs, all of which were put to similar strange uses.

Lebaudy Couldn't Spend All.  
The vast Lebaudy fortune was not appreciably lessened by the "Emperor's" adventures, since the principal is great. In that respect his expenditures were seemingly as powerless to ruin himself and family as those of the British lady.

Most memorable in the history of recent American spendthrifts was Charles G. Gates, who once tipped a waiter \$1,000. It is only fair to say that the man nearly dropped dead and, later revived, told the proprietor, who returned to Gates \$900, the dinner having cost the other hundred. Although willing to throw away money, Gates, it was said, could not be beaten out of a nickel.

As for Mrs. Smith-Wilkinson, if any one wants to beat "Mrs. Monte Carlo," practically she will have to get hold of the Hope diamond and plant it in her largest tooth.

## AMERICAN WOMEN ADD TO GAY LIFE OF PARIS

Smartest Dinner Parties Are Given by Social Leaders of Newport, New York, Philadelphia and Boston. Desert Capital for Seashore.

By Helen Hoffman.

PARIS, July 16.—American society women, and their number is legion here, play a most important part in the gay social life of the French capital.

The smartest dinner parties are given by leaders of Newport, New York, Philadelphia and Boston society, to say nothing of women who are well known in the fashionable circles of the West and South. The very successful balls which have been recently given for French charities, and which have fairly dazzled Parisian society—not an easy thing to do—have been managed by American women.

Mrs. Perry Belmont and other well known society folk of America assisted in the arrangements for the grand mask ball which was given for a local charity June 25. Princess Murat the former Miss Stallo, of Ohio, directed the arrangements of this affair, which eclipsed in splendor

even the four great balls recently given by the Marquise de Polignac, the former Mrs. James B. Eastle, of New York. The Marquise de Polignac, who is one of the most active, and one of the most popular members of fashionable society here, has returned from a short stay in Switzerland.

Among the smartest dinner parties given here during the past few weeks were those of Mrs. John D. Drexel at the Ritz. Included in her list of dinner guests were always some members of the most aristocratic French society, as well as men and women well known in the exclusive circles of Newport, Philadelphia and New York society.

Very few of the American women have adopted the French fashion of hair dressing for evening—the hair drawn back in soft waves from the face and coiled in a low, large, loose knot. Neither have they gone in for the jewelled and feather hair ornaments so much in vogue at present, among Parisians.

Mrs. Charles Barney, of Washington, D. C., whose exhibitions of paintings are well known in the artistic circles of Paris, has left Paris for London. She expects to remain abroad throughout the summer, and is working on a new ballet, which will likely be presented in London late in the season. Mrs. Barney's ballet, "Crimoline," staged and pro-

duced in America by Mme. Pavlowa, about four years ago, was a great success.

American travellers are at home in most cities of the continent, for wherever they may journey they meet friends from home. The fashionable resorts of Switzerland are preparing to entertain a big number of Americans who have made arrangements to pass a good part of July and August there.

arrangements to pass a good part of July and August there. Fashionable society is deserting Paris for the seashore resorts, and with the coal strike in England set-off travellers feel assurance of getting about the English country without difficulty, so that a number of Americans will pass some part of August there.

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